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Re: United States Patent Application  
Serial No.: 09/612,894  
Entitled: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR REGULATION  
OF STERIOGENESIS**  
TTUHSC Designation No.: D-0210  
Our Reference No.: 18491.40

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. Acknowledgment Post Card.

The undersigned believes that no fee is required for this submission. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
**Stocco, et al.**

Serial No. **09/612,894**

Title: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR REGULATION OF  
STERIDOGENESIS**

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Madam:

The present paper is a Preliminary Amendment to be entered in U.S. Serial No. 09/612,894. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted before the first office action on the merits. No fees are believed due for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment; however, should any fees be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

**Preliminary Amendment**

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

--41. A purified steroidogenic acute regulatory protein having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 18.--

--42. The purified steroidogenic acute regulatory protein of claim 41 defined further as being phosphorylated.--

--43. A purified steroidogenic acute regulatory protein having an amino acid sequence essentially as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 18.--